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TO : NEA - Mr. Rountree -

DATE: January 7, 1957

FROM : NE - Fraser Wilkins

SUBJECT: Saudi Arabian Ambassador's Call at 5 P.M. Today

You will wish to inform Ambassador Al-Khayyal that we have just received word from our Ambassador that the King has agreed to visit Washington January 30, 31 and February 1, and that the White House released this information today at 4 p.m., to prevent further press leaks.

Ambassador Wadsworth is presently working out some of the details with the Royal Counselors and we expect a report from him within the next two or three days. Meanwhile, there is attached a rough and highly tentative program for the 3 days in Washington, with many of the details yet to be confirmed (Tab A).

You may point out to the Ambassador that there is very little time in which to plan this most important visit. We will hope that the Ambassador, or someone designated by him, will be able to work closely with our office of Protocol and with this office in the Bureau in the days to come.

You may also wish to point out to the Ambassador that state visits to this country usually consist of an official portion, which includes 3-5 days in Washington, and is followed by a short visit not to exceed 2-3 days to points of interest in the United States, at the King's discretion. The King may, of course, extend his visit beyond this official portion at the expense of the Saudi Arabian Government under arrangements which will be worked out between the Embassy and the Government.

We expect that the King and his party, accompanied by Ambassador Wadsworth, will arrive in New York on the S.S. CONSTITUTION on January 29 and will spend the rest of that day there.

Mr. Purse will attend the call to assist in explanations to the Ambassador and to elicit such information as he feels immediately necessary for planning purposes.

There is another subject which you may wish to raise with the Saudi Ambassador: As a result of the President's Middle Eastern proposals, the press has been asking for the text of the "Presidential assurances to the Saudi Arabian Government of 1950." A copy of

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President Truman's letter of October 31, 1950, was sent to the Saudi Arabian Embassy this morning. I recommend that you request Saudi approval to release the text of the letter (Tab B).

Attachments:

1. (Tab A) - Tentative Program.
2. (Tab B) - Letter to King Saud
from President Truman.

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to file copy*

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